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Democratic candidate Dan Blue concedes the primary to opponent Erskine Bowles on Sept. 10. Blue endorsed Bowles on Tuesday.

Dan Blue Endorses Bowles

Endorsement could attract black voters

BY JENNIFER SAMUELS
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Almost a month of speculation over whether former Democratic Senate candidate Dan Blue would endorse a nominee in the state's U.S. Senate race ended Tuesday with a declaration of support for fellow Democrat Erskine Bowles. Blue lost the nomination in the Sept. 10 primary. Bowles came away with 43 percent of the vote, while Blue received 29 percent.

N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, who finished third with 15 percent of the vote, pledged her support to Bowles at his election night celebration.

Bowles' Republican challenger is 2000 presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole.

Blue decided to endorse Bowles because of a commitment to help Democrats keep a majority in the U.S. Senate, said Cecil Cahoon, communications manager for Blue's campaign.

He said Blue did not endorse Bowles directly following his concession because he wanted to spend time discussing key issues before deciding whether Bowles' mission aligned with his. "I think if Dan had immediately extended an endorsement after the primary, it would not have meant the same to many supporters statewide as means today, when he can say, 'I have communicated your concern to him,'" Cahoon said.

He said no specifics were available concerning Blue's involvement with Bowles' campaign.

Bowles is pleased to have Blue's support, said his press secretary Susan Lagana. "(Blue) has been a long-time supporter and advocate for working families," she said. "Erskine is proud to have him out there campaigning for him."

Experts say that Bowles' campaign will be aided by the endorsement because it brings with it the likely support of many black voters, who make up the former state representative's largest base of support, said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

Blue served as the first black speaker of the N.C. House.

But Guillory stressed that Bowles has other obstacles, such as grabbing independents and undecided moderates.

He said Bowles' association with former President Clinton, whom he served under as chief of staff from 1996-98, as well as support from Democrats such as former N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt, also make him appealing to blacks on his own.

Blue's endorsement is important to Bowles' campaign because it encourages another of the major Democratic constituencies to vote for Bowles, said UNC political science Professor Thad Beyle. He

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Few Classes Cut Due to Budget Woes

86 more sections offered next spring than last year

BY JOHN LIPPS
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UNC's budget cuts have been finalized, and some academic departments have been forced to eliminate some class sections.

But because some departments managed the cuts without cutting class sections, the overall number of classes offered next semester still will be

greater than in spring 2002.

David Lanier, UNC's registrar, said there will be 86 more sections campuswide this spring than last spring. There will be 11 more classes level 50 and below and 75 more classes level 50 to 99. Lanier said that out of more than 2,000 sections, the increase is negligible.

There also will be an increase in some class sizes. Many of the larger classes designated for 70 students will be increased to about 75. Classes for about 21 students will only increase to 22 or 23. But she said there will not be a significant increase in class size from this semester, said Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Because the departments have had the spring and fall semesters to plan for the cuts, some managed to meet the budget by cutting operating expenses or staff members, Palm said.

"We consider the departments in the best position to manage their budget," she said. "We didn't want to eliminate tenured faculty."

Palm said that she received the specifics of the budget Tuesday and that some arts and sciences classes — like the romance languages, English writing classes and other introductory-level courses — will be affected by the cuts more than other departments' courses.

These departments are affected more deeply

because teaching assistant and lecturer positions have been reduced.

Departments that do not rely as heavily on TAs and lecturers are able to offer more introductory-level courses.

Lanier said he expects departments to eliminate dozens of classes after registration if not enough students sign up. But Palm said the decisions are final and the departments will not eliminate any class sections after registration because of further budget cuts.

"We want to preserve the undergraduate teaching function," she said. "We are trying to accom-

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Available Drive Bays: Ultrabay
CD-ROM: 6X DVD
Display: 13.3" TFT Screen 1024x768
Fixed Disk: 12GB with SMART
Operating System: Windows 98
Ports: 1 EPP, 1 RS-232D, 1 Ext. Display, 1 Ext. FDD, 1 USB
Processor: Intel Mobile Pentium III 500MHz
RAM: 128MB 100MHz Non-Parity SDRAM
Video: 4MB



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Class of '04



Thinkpad T22

Available Drive Bays: Ultrabay 2000
CD-ROM: 8X DVD-ROM
Display: 14.1" TFT Screen 1024x768
Fixed Disk: 20GB with SMART
Operating System: Windows 2000
Ports: 1 EPP, 1 RS-232D, 1 Ext. Display, 1 USB
Processor: Intel Mobile Pentium III 900MHz
RAM: 128MB 100MHz Non-Parity SDRAM
Video: 4MB

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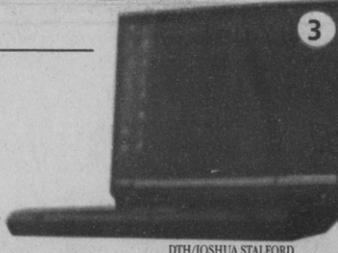
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Class of '06

Thinkpad T30

Available Drive Bays: UltraSlim Bay
CD-ROM: 8X DVD-ROM; 8X CD-R; 4X CD-RW
Display: 14.1" TFT Screen 1024x768
Fixed Disk: 40GB with SMART
Operating System: Windows XP
Ports: 1 EPP, 1 RS-232D, 1 Ext. Display, 1 Ext. FDD, 1 USB
Processor: Intel Mobile Pentium 4 1.8GHz
RAM: 256MB 100MHz Non-Parity SDRAM
Video: 4MB



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CCI in the Classroom

As technology changes and newer computers become available, the officials behind the Carolina Computing Initiative are forced to offer different models and features to keep up with the times. However, some students have expressed concern that the differences between the computers will create a disadvantage for students with the older models.

Technology Gap Doesn't Hinder Computing Goals

BY JOHN FRANK
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Freshman Jen Kling can use her computer almost anywhere on campus and still connect to the Internet.

Her Carolina Computing Initiative laptop comes standard with a wireless Internet card, CD writer, DVD player and 256 megabytes of memory.

Junior Kerry Killoren's CCI computer doesn't.

"Compared to the new ones, my computer has none of the special features — it's out-of-date, and it's slow," said Killoren, whose laptop is about 2 1/2 years old.

With four different years — eight different models — of CCI laptops in use, a wide variety of technologies can be found on campus. In general, CCI laptops are faster, hold more memory and boast more all-around amenities each successive year.

Although the distinctions among the various models are evident, CCI officials said those disparities affect performance rather than the program's overall function.

"A faster computer doesn't affect the student's ability to use the computer," said John Oberlin, executive director for Academic Technology and Networks. Students still see differences, but mostly in the

(ček'nō-túrms) The Lowdown on CCI Lingo

CD writer: a device that allows data to be erased and then be replaced by new data

8x DVD: (digital video disc) holds a minimum of 4.7 gigabytes on a CD-ROM

Internet: a global network connecting millions of computers

megabytes: a unit that describes the storage of data

operating system: the most important program that runs on a computer

wireless Internet card: allows a computer to access an Internet connection without the use of a telephone line

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extra amenities successive models have standard.

This year's ThinkPad T30 model laptop has a high-end operating system, 8x DVD drives with swappable CD writers and built-in wireless cards.

"It's a better computer, it's faster, and it has all the nifty stuff," Kling said.

The models owned by seniors who participated in the pilot program and juniors, the first class to fall under CCI guidelines, have outdated operating systems, a slower DVD drive and no CD-burning capability and require a wall outlet to connect to the Internet.

Many of the batteries also have failed, forcing students to special-order replacements because they aren't covered by the limited warranty.

"These computers are worthless by the time you graduate," Killoren said.

Marian Moore, former vice chancellor for information technology and the first official to oversee the CCI program, acknowledged that there is an inherent technology gap in the CCI program.

And CCI officials also said it is inevitable that each year's computer will be better than the one before it.

"Every class will get a better machine than the

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Town Not Alone in Regulation Debate

BY MATT HANSON
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Chapel Hill is not the only college town in the United States trying to balance off-campus housing regulations with dissent from the surrounding community.

Both the University of Kansas and Salisbury University in Maryland are dealing with restrictions on the number of unrelated residents allowed to live in houses around campus.

The Chapel Hill Town Council is considering a plan that would allow no more than two unrelated people per dwelling unit, limit parking to two cars and ban duplexes within town limits.

The plan is part of a third draft of the land-use development ordinance that will be revised again Oct. 21, said Council member Mark Kleinschmidt.

In Salisbury, Md., where Salisbury University is located, the City Council voted Sep. 23 to extend a moratorium on the conversion of single-family housing into rental properties, said William Holland, director of the Salisbury Department of Building, Housing and Zoning.

The hiatus, which will last until Dec. 9, gives local officials time to decide how to maintain a family community without squelching off-campus housing that is both affordable for students and profitable for landlords, Holland said.

But he said the shift is already evident in neighborhoods immediately surrounding the university.

"An older couple would put their house up for sale ... and investors would swoop in there and buy the houses to rent them to college students," he said.

Holland said he is frustrated that the council has yet to remedy the situation.

Kathleen Grout, director of housing and residence life at Salisbury, said the school has about 1,700 on-campus rooms to house undergraduates and an extra 576 spaces available through a partnership with local private developers. Together, this provides housing for about one-third of its undergraduates, she said.

Grout said communication with city officials could provide a solution. "Pressure will be relieved through providing students with other options."

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Brandy Potter (left), Caroline Bixones and Meredith Lih wait in line at midnight Monday for tickets to the UNC vs. N.C. State football game.

All N.C. State Tickets Distributed in 6 Hours

BY ELIZABETH DANIELS
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Students arrived at the Smith Center ticket office as early as 6 p.m. Monday — 14 hours before the office opened — to obtain tickets to the football game against N.C. State University on Saturday.

By late Tuesday afternoon, all 9,000 available student tickets had been claimed. An additional 3,000 tickets had been handed out Monday through the block seating distribution.

Though the ticket office didn't open until 8 a.m. Tuesday, students came early the night before to camp out for tickets, bringing couches, chairs and items to keep them entertained.

Many students who applied for block seating and did not receive tickets waited in line for tickets. The tickets were distributed randomly until there were none left.

Brian Fink, a first-year doctorate student in epidemiology, was the first to get in line for the much anticipated game.

"I arrived at 6 p.m., and about two minutes later, the second person arrived. When my friend got there at eight, students were beginning to form a line that reached to over 1,000 students by 8 a.m. Tuesday morning," Fink said.

Clint Gwaltney, director of ticket operations, said that student ticket distribution for Saturday's game ended at 1:50 p.m. and that the last person able

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Science and technology revolutionize our lives, but memory, tradition and myth frame our response.

Arthur Schlesinger